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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: WEEKEND ITC'S/PART CHARTERS

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OTTAWA FOR MEADOWS, CHAIRMAN CIVAIR DELEGATION

1. REFTEL REPORTED EMBASSY'S TRANSMITTAL OF LETTER TO LATHIERE OF SGAC INCORPORATING DEPT'S POSITION ON WEEKEND ITC'S AND PART CHARTERS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SGAC STAFF THAT LATHIERE IS AWAITING ESPEROU'S RETURN LATER THIS MONTH BEFORE RESPONDING TO OUR LETTER BUT IN THE MEANTIME ESPEROU MAY DISCUSS THE QUESTION IN OTTAWA WITH MEMBERS US DEL TO TRILATERAL TALKS.

2. SGAC STAFF FURTHER ADVISED US INFORMALLY THAT AIR FRANCE HAS RENOUNCED ITS WEEKEND ITC PROGRAM FOR WINTER SEASON BUT WANTS TO DISCUSS WITH US AUTHORITIES POSSIBILITIES FOR REVIVING PROGRAM NEXT SUMMER. CONTACTS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN INITIATED WITH CAB IN THAT REGARD.

3. WORLD AIRWAYS REP TOLD US THAT WORLD HAD FILED APPLICATION LAST WEEK WITH CAB FOR WAIVERS PERMITTING OPERATION OF WEEKEND ITC PROGRAMS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN FILED WITH AND APPROVED BY SGAC. ACTION REQUESTED:

PLEASE KEEP EMBASSY ADVISED RE DISPOSITION WORLD APPLICATION.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH RCAA SHORTLY AFTER RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S LETTER LATHIERE SOUGHT SHIFT BLAME TO CAB FOR LAST-MINUTE IMPASSE THAT HAD RESULTED OVER OPERATION OF WEEKEND ITC'S. HE ALLUDED TO AIR FRANCE CORRESPONDENCE WITH CAB'S BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT PRIOR TO CAB TELEX OF SEPT. 19 TO AIR FRANCE QUOTED PARA 1 STATE 217169 (NOTAL) AND ALSO CLAIMED THAT SGAC'S ITC CIRCULAR NO. 3797 CONTAINING AUTHORIZATION OF WEEKEND ITC'S HAD BEEN "FORMALLY" TRANSMITTED TO USG VIA EMBASSY. IN SHORT, CAB HAD HAD AMPLE TIME TO EXPRESS ANY RESERVATIONS IT MIGHT HAVE ON FRENCH RULE FOR WEEKEND ITC'S THAT HAD BEEN "FORMALLY" BROUGHT TO USG'S ATTENTION BY GOF. RCAA POINTED OUT TO LATHIERE THAT COVERING LETTER FROM SGAC HAD INDICATED CIRCULAR 3797 WAS BEING SENT TO EMBASSY "FOR INFORMATION" ONLY; EMBASSY HAD IN TURN SUMMARIZED CONTENTS OF CIRCULAR BY TELEGRAM AND HAD ALSO POUCHED COPIES FOR DEPT. AND CAB. AIR FRANCE HAD BEEN ALERTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BY CAB TO POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH WEEKEND ITC'S, WHICH CARRIER SEEMED TO HAVE IGNORED. IF SGAC HAD DESIRED ADVANCE READING FROM CAB IT HAD ONLY TO ASK FOR IT SPECIFICALLY ON BASIS PUBLISHED CIRCULAR OR, PREFERABLY, WHEN NEW RULE WAS STILL IN DRAFT FORM. SINCE FRENCH DEL HAD INFORMALLY SOUNDED US OUT ON SHORT-DURATION ITC'S AT LAST JANUARY'S BILATERAL TALKS ON CHARTERS, EMBASSY HAD IN FACT BEEN SURPRISED THAT SGAC HAD THEREAFTER PROCEEDED TO ISSUE WEEKEND ITC RULE WITHOUT FURTHER ASCERTAINING WHETHER RULE WAS INDEED ACCEPTABLE TO CAB FOR FRANCE-US TRAFFIC. (COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT ABOVE TACK TRIED BY LATHIERE WAS MERELY OFF-THE-CUFF REACTION TO OUR LETTER AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY. WE REPORT IT, HOWEVER, IN EVENT ESPEROU MAY TRY TO ARGUE ALONG SIMILAR LINES).

5. IN RECENT CONVERSATION MME RIVOAL OF AIR FRANCE SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN WEEKEND ITC'S BUT BRIDLED WHEN WE REFERRED TO AIR FRANCE OPERATION OF PART CHARTERS. SHE CLAIMED THAT "DEFINITIONS DIFFERED" ON WHAT CONS-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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